



CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Senator Donald DeFronzo, Co-Chair Transportation Committee
Representative Antonio Guerrero, Co-Chair Transportation Committee

My name is Ted Schroll, Legislative Representative for the Connecticut State Firefighters Association. Our Association represents approximately 28,000 career and volunteer firefighters in Connecticut.

The Connecticut State Firefighters Association wishes to go on record in support of the concept provided by several of the bills on today's agenda.

The Fire Service of the State of Connecticut is very much in favor of so called "MOVE OVER" legislation. It is apparent that this committee is cognizant of the dangers posed to highway workers by the passage of Public Act #08-114 at the 2008 Connecticut General Assembly. We realize that this legislation was passed in the final days of the 2008 session, but are concerned that the language of this public act limits the legislation to **STATE** highways and does not include **LOCAL** or **MUNICIPAL** roads. We would suggest that this concern be addressed in this legislation.

It would appear that **Proposed Bills #741, #5261, #5894, #6071, & #6225** are similar enough in nature that we would **SUPPORT** this legislation. We would only suggest that the term "authorized emergency vehicle" be used in the text of the language. In the case where some of our members are volunteer firefighters, certain personal vehicles could be designated as emergency vehicles. And, once again, we must mention that any language that refers to roads or highways, include state **AND** municipal roads.

Of the six (6) bills on the agenda pertaining to "move over", we would be opposed to **H.B. #5643**. This bill seems to specify "police cars" only. We would be opposed to this provision. We feel that this type of legislation should apply to all emergency services.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ted Schroll, Legislative Representative
Connecticut State Firefighters Association